

September 10, 2010

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Federal Communications Commission The Portals, TW-A325 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation

Schools and Libraries Universal Support Mechanism – CC Docket No. 02-6;

A National Broadband Plan for Our Future -- GN Docket No. 09-51.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, September 8, 2010, I had a phone conversation with Carol Mattey of the Wireline Competition Bureau concerning the E-rate reform Order. I discussed the importance of allowing <u>all</u> providers of telecommunications services, including not-for-profit research and education networks, to be eligible to participate in the E-rate program, as described in the SHLB Coalition's comments in this proceeding. I suggested that section 254(h)(2) of the Communications Act gives the Commission the legal authority to allow non-telecommunications carriers to provide E-rate services, and that not-for-profit providers can often offer more affordable service than traditional commercial providers, which would make more efficient use of the E-rate fund.

Sincerely,

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